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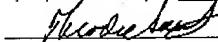
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FILED	April 13, 2001
EXAMINER	Steven J. Bos
ART UNIT	1754
FOR	A PROCESS FOR THE MICROBIAL LEACHING OF SULFIDIC MATERIALS, AND THE USE OF SULFUR- CONTAINING AMINO ACIDS IN SAID MICROBIAL LEACHING

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant response
of 7 January 2004.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks is respectfully
solicited.

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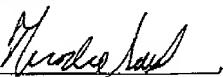
In response to the NOTICE of 7 January 2004, the list of amended claims now includes the cancellation of claims 1-8 as examiner requested.

In addition, the cancellation of claim 11 has also been added.

Last, claims 17-18, which were added in the response of 17 January 2003, have inadvertently been omitted from recent submissions. These claims are included herewith.

The undersigned believes that none of the amendments or additions to the list of claim amendments introduces new matter.

Respectfully Submitted,


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